

solange wir frei waren*

music:

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pitch material: cycle Q7 according to the 2024 article *deciphering* (speech:) *persian music: a systematic approach through modal classification and synthesis* by soroosh ghahramanloo and bamdad khoshghadami hosseini *mf*

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poem (versified for this project):

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wir wissen es nicht
und das ist unsere Schuld.
gemeinsam.
weil wir einander nicht lieben.
und uns selbst nicht.
weil wir es nicht wissen.
weil wir es nicht wissen können oder wollen.
wie frei wir sind,
so lange wir es sind.
weil wir es erst wissen.
weil wir es erst wissen können oder wollen.
wenn wir es nicht mehr sind
und hilflos zusehen
den Zurichtungen an uns.
wie wir zugeschnitten werden
und geköpft.

wenn wir nicht mehr frei sind,
und es wissen müssen
und es nicht wußten,
so lange wir frei waren.

speech
and
harmonica

A
♩ = 48-

4/4

violin

p

viola

p

violoncello

p

* in january 2025 gorji marzban suggested the title "solange wir noch frei sind" to marlene streeruwitz and i, for a prospective work.
as events further developed soon after, including ocurance of another war which left the dictator in power, the present wording appeared necessary. r.n.

2 4 **B**

sp./hm. harmonica a mid-range pitch or cluster, ad libitum

vln. on instrument immitate on-going recitation
use arco and pizz. percussive sounds ad lib.

vla. immitate harmonica

vlc. recite text slowly
apply a pause (ad lib.) between each two words

wenn	wir	nicht	mehr	frei	sind,	und es
wissen		müssen	und	es	nicht	wußten,
so	lange	wir		frei	waren.	

7 **C**

sp./hm. speech:

nimm	mich
bei der	Hand.
nächste	Person.

speaker walks to bassist
so they hold hands

tutti speech
in unison:

nimm mich
bei der Hand.
nächste Person.
Halte mich
fest
und sag mir,
ob ich es bin
oder
nicht.

(arco naturale)

(arco)

another mid-range pitch or cluster, ad lib.

11

sp./hm. harmonica

ff

vln. *ff*

vla. *ff* clap hands

vcl. *ff*

clap hands

speech

denn allein werde ich es nicht wissen. nie wissen können.
wir brauchen einander gemeinsam.

speech

allein werde ich es nicht wissen. nie wissen können.
wir brauchen einander gemeinsam.
deshalb sag es mir und halte mich fest und erzähl mir.

immitate harmonica and move further on ad libitum, applying harmonics

p *ff*

3

D

17

vln. *f*

vla. *f*

vcl. *f*

p *p* *p*

4

22

E

sp./hm.

vln.

vla.

vlc.

F

(speech)

bin ich noch ganz[?]

*f**f**f**f*

25

vln.

vla.

vlc.

*p**p**p*

G

28 (speech) bin ich noch ganz

in a raspy voice: oder hat die Gewalt jetzt mir schon längst den Kopf ABRASIERT

sp./hm. $\text{H } \frac{7}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{9}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{10}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$ 5

vln. $\text{H } \frac{7}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{9}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{10}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

vla. $\text{H } \frac{7}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{9}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{10}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

vlc. $\text{H } \frac{7}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{9}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{10}{16}$ $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

clap hands sfz

f

H

tutti: recite the following boxed text. as intensely and indifferently as possible. musicians may ad libitum throw instrumental satires in. each word pronounced tutti (synchronization: only roughly). between each two words a slight moment allowed. abrupt ending: somewhere around final words. vocalist gives a cue: a hand gesture, like the one of a dictator of choice at a populated speech. duration: ca 100".

sp./hm. $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

vln. $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

vla. $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

vlc. $\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

attacca ff

Taliban Condemns Israeli Strikes on Iran as 'Violation of International Law'

In a statement posted on X, Taliban chief spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said the attack violated core principles of international law, particularly the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states. The Taliban has strongly condemned Israel's recent airstrikes on Iran, calling the attack and the killing of Iranian military commanders and nuclear scientists a "blatant violation of international law."

Mujahid also denounced Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza, calling it "relentless and catastrophic," and accused the Israeli government of ignoring humanitarian and international legal standards. "The occupying regime persists in its violent actions with blatant disregard for humanitarian and international legal norms," he said. Mujahid called on all parties to act responsibly to avoid further instability and to help maintain peace and security in the region.

KabulNow, June 13, 2025 - Kabul, Afghanistan

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

$\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

$\text{H } \frac{4}{4}$

6

I

32 (speech)

sp./hm. *p* und ich weiss gar nicht mehr, *f* dass ich nur noch kniee und weine, und nur noch glaube, mein Leben sei glücklich. *p f p*

vln. pizz. *p f p f p*

vla. *p < fp < f > p*

vlc. *mp*

Violin I (vln.) part, measures 35-40. The score is in 2/4 time and includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte) and *f* + (forcello).

** this microtone may be interpreted here somewhat higher in frequency, negotiating toward the natural side.

détaché: play (arco) or sing***

39 arco ba haa re maa go za ash te go zash te

vln. *f*

vla. *f*

vlc. pizz. *f* (arco) (pizz.)

43 haa go za ash te ma nam be jo ste juu ye sa arne

vln. pizz.

vla.

vlc.

(arco/voce)

*** in accommodation to vocal range of the violinist, the vocal section may be sung at a different octave accordingly. this is borrowed from the song مرا ببوس (*kiss me*):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47wvKdWntY> (minute 01:40)

melody: majid vafadar (1913-1976), lyrics (in farsi): heydar reghabi (1931-1987)

L

47 vesht

tap of feet and speech****

vesht

naturale

pizz. arco

vln.

vla.

vlc.

sfz

p

51

pizz. (pizz.)

(arco)

f

prepare repositioning

vln.

vla.

vlc.

f

**** leave out speech, in case the violinist does not sing.

M

hold the violin like a guitar
and play by a pick or the fingertip(s)
arpeggiando (always updown, aiming for highest pitch of chord)

9

55 (pizz.)

vln.

vla.

vcl.

58

vln.

vla.

vcl.

(arco) (p)

pizz. f

(pizz.)

(p)

prepare repositioning

62

vln. arco pizz. (E sul A) (E sul E) pizz. prepare repositioning

vla. *f*

vlc. *f* pizz. *p*

66

vln. guitarlike prepare repositioning

vla. ad lib. *f* *p* *f*

vlc. ad lib. pizz. *f* *sfz*

N

11

69 arco *p*

vln.

vla. *p*

vlc. arco *p*

Measures 69-72: The violin part begins with a rest, then plays a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The viola and cello parts play sustained notes with some movement. Dynamic markings include *p* and *arco*. Measure numbers 69, 70, 71, 72 are indicated at the end of each measure.

73 *f* *p*

vln.

vla. *f* *p*

vlc. *f* *p*

Measures 73-76: The violin part features a crescendo leading to a forte (*f*) dynamic, followed by a decrescendo to piano (*p*). The viola and cello parts also show dynamic changes. Measure numbers 73, 74, 75, 76 are indicated at the end of each measure.

O

77 **ad libitum**

vla. *f*

vlc. *f*

80

vla. *p* *f* *fp* *f*

vlc. *p* *ff* *p* *f*

84

vla. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *fp* *p*

vlc. *p*

P

86 13

vln. *(p)* *f*

vla. *p* *f* *p*

vlc. *p* *f* pizz.

(speech)

89 nimm mich bei der Hand, nächste Person und sprich mir harmonica: a pitch or cluster of higher range

sp./hm. *mf*

vln. *p* *f*

vla. *p* *f* *p*

vlc. (pizz.) arco pizz.

Q

14

sp./hm.

93

ad libitum

(speech)

mf nimm mich bei der Hand, nächste Person und sprich mir

vln.

pizz. +

simile

(arco)

mf

(mf)

(pizz.)
(arco)

vla.

mf

(speech)

mf nimm mich bei der Hand, nächste Person und

vlc.

mf arco [sul ponticello]

sp./hm.

95

und sprich mir von der Freiheit. *****

vln.

von

der

Freiheit.

(pizz.)

(arco)

(speech) Frei heit *****

clap

mf

vla.

sprich mir von der Freiheit.

(speech) Frei heit *****

clap

mf

***** say this "Freiheit" all three together.

R

dolce

harmonica

15

react to musicians

98

sp./hm. **H**

vln. arco nat. play a favorite song of your childhood, recalling your time playing freely in a garden. repeat or loop, if necessary. stay independent. *p*

vla. play a favorite song of your childhood, recalling your time playing freely in a garden. repeat or loop, if necessary. stay independent. *p*

vlc. arco nat. play a favorite song of your childhood, recalling your time playing freely in a garden. repeat or loop, if necessary. stay independent. *p*

speech

102

sp./hm. **H**

vln. sustain the final note of your song *f* **1** **4** ad libitum bend around the closest F to your last pitch. meanwhile as you hear "Freiheit", speak it out a few times independently. *mf*

vla. sustain the final note of your song *f* **1** **4** ad libitum bend around the closest F to your last pitch. meanwhile as you hear "Freiheit", speak it out a few times independently. *mf*

vlc. sustain the final note of your song *f* **1** **4** ad libitum bend around the closest F to your last pitch. meanwhile as you hear "Freiheit", speak it out a few times independently. *mf*

ich erzähl dir meinen Traum davon. herbeireden müssen wir sie. in die Welt herein beschwören
die Freiheit und teilen dann. gemeinsam.

S

108 pizz. arco

vln. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f*

vla. *p* *tr* (F+G)

vlc. *p* sul pont. *tr* (E+F)

prepare repositioning

8vb

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 108 through 111. The Violin 1 part begins with a pizzicato (pizz.) instruction at measure 108, playing a sixteenth-note melody with alternating p (piano) and f (forte) dynamics. At measure 109, it switches to arco (arco) and plays a sustained note. The Viola part plays a sustained note with a trill (tr) marked (F+G) and a p (piano) dynamic. The Violoncello part also plays a sustained note with a trill (tr) marked (E+F) and a p (piano) dynamic. A double bass line is indicated with an 8vb sign. The text 'prepare repositioning' is written in the right margin.

112 guitarlike pizz.

vln. *ff* *p*

vla. *f* *p*

vlc. *f* *p*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 112 through 115. The Violin 1 part begins with a 'guitarlike pizz.' instruction at measure 112, playing a sixteenth-note melody with ff (fortissimo) and p (piano) dynamics. The Viola part plays a sustained note with a p (piano) dynamic. The Violoncello part plays a sustained note with a p (piano) dynamic. The text 'guitarlike pizz.' is written above the Violin 1 staff.